

Goals of the Code Ranger Program

■ Increase Code Enforcement

Training citizens to recognize and accurately report violations, preserving property values, discouraging crime

■ Reinvigorate Neighborhoods

Creating a sense of community in each neighborhood, encouraging civic responsibility, increasing neighborhood pride, setting a standard for excellence

■ Improve Housing

Providing a stronger, safer, more attractive community

For more information call 817-459-6777 or visit our website at www.arlingtontx.gov

What Can You Do?

- Take pride in your neighborhood
 - Know the City codes
- Keep your property violation-free... set the example
 - Ask your neighbors to comply when you notice a violation
- Call Community Services about continuing code violations at:

817-459-6777

Get Involved!

The mission of the
Department of Community Services is
to engage, connect, and protect
the citizens of Arlington.

Thank you for working together to make Arlington better!



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CODE RANGER PROGRAM

Mission of the Code Ranger Program

To promote healthy neighborhoods through connecting the community to city resources in an effort to establish and grow positive relationships between the citizens and Community Services.

Key Components of the Code Ranger Program

Code Ranger participants will be trained in the most common code enforcement violations in order for citizens to accurately recognize and report violations to Community Services. Code Ranger participants will have an opportunity to build a relationship with their district code officer. This effort will encourage and strengthen a spirit of volunteerism which will allow the city and the citizens to work together to grow strong, safe, responsible neighborhoods. This will be accomplished through:

- Training classes taught by code enforcement staff and held in conjunction with the Neighborhood Academy, Neighborhood Summit, and Citizen on Patrol Training
- Special email access to the district inspector to report violations
- Individual response to Code Rangers on all violations reported through the program
- Invitations to quarterly meetings to meet other Code Ranger participants and key staff members

When you report a concern, we can assist you better if you provide the street address of the code violation.

To report a violation, call 817-459-6777 or email code@arlingtontx.gov

Common Code Violations

The City of Arlington codes are intended to benefit everyone while making our neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive. Compliance with standards can reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values and prevent deterioration of your neighborhood.

Weeds and Grass

Weeds and grass over 12 inches in height is a violation. Property owners are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed to the roadway. Amendments to the Nuisance



Ordinance address unsafe landscaping affected by disease, death or damage including trees, bushes, shrubs, vines, brush and ground cover. Edging to help prevent infrastructure damage is required.

Junk and Nuisance Vehicles

Any vehicle which is visible from <u>private or public</u> view that is inoperable for 30 days, wrecked or dismantled, and is not registered or licensed is considered a junk vehicle. This includes all-terrain vehicles, boats or personal watercraft vehicles.



Restrictions for vehicles on jacks, vehicles with flat tires and vehicles used for storage have increased.



Parking of Vehicles

Cars, boats and recreational vehicles must be parked on an asphalt or concrete surface in the front or side yard of a property.

Unclean Premises

Properties should be kept free of unsightly accumulation of litter, garbage, and/or junk which is likely to become unsanitary, offensive or likely to create disease. This includes



unsanitary water on the ground or in a vessel, areas that harbor rodents or parasitic insects or promote mosquito breeding, or any condition offensive to a person of ordinary sensibilities due to objectionable odors or accumulation of waste and fecal matter.



Graffiti

Graffiti makes neighborhoods and commercial areas look unattractive and affects property values, business sales and the community's image. Report graffiti immediately to help

make neighborhoods safer, stronger and more attractive. For free, prompt graffiti removal, submit a "Graffiti Consent to Remove" form.



Dilapidated Fence

A fence in a dilapidated state is considered a nuisance. This includes fences that have deteriorated and/or missing structural members, is in an improper state of repair that causes a

safety or health concern, are improperly positioned or is unsafe and deleterious to the livability of a neighborhood.

Outside Storage

Indoor furniture, appliances, machines, tools, cartons, and lawn maintenance equipment is prohibited from being stored outside. This also includes any used, deteriorated or discarded building materials, barrels, casks, boxes or auto



parts. Firewood must be stacked 12" off the ground.



Illegal Signs

Signs are not permitted on utility poles or medians. Signs must be posted behind sidewalks and are not allowed within ten (10) feet of the edge of the curb.

Trash Placed Out Too Early

Trash and trash receptacles may not be placed out prior to 7:00 p.m. the day before collection or after 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Free curbside collection of bulk waste including



furniture and other large household items is available by calling 817-317-2000.



Oversized Vehicles

Vehicles exceeding 30 feet in length, or eight (8) feet in height and have a carrying capacity of greater than 4,000 pounds are not permitted to be parked in residential areas.

Stagnant Water

Stagnant pool water can pose serious health risks. Report standing, stagnant water immediately. Swimming pool water being drained should be released into the sanitary sewer system, not into the storm drains. Be sure to remove



standing water from your property to help avoid mosquito infestation.